APPLICATION FOR PATENT (Small Entity Assertion)

Docket No. 1171/4

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

SINGLE FLANGED END BALL VALVE OF UNITARY

CONSTRUCTION

FILING DATE: HEREWITH

Serial Number (if known): UNKNOWN

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SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION

Sir:

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor(s), I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION



This declaration is for a utility patent application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if two or more names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SINGLE FLANGED END BALL VALVE OF UNITARY CONSTRUCTION

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification	
is attached hereto.	
was filed on	and has U.S. Application Number
and was amended on	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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PRIORITY

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) of Prior Foreign Applications:

Application Serial Number

Filing Date

Status

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(c) of Prior U.S. Provisional Applications:

Provisional Application Serial Number

60/300,345 60/300,622 Filing Date
June 22, 2001
June 25, 2001

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the following Applications:

Application Serial Number

Filing Date

Status

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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